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SUBJECT: JAMAICA: JAPANESE REQUEST THAT U.S. EMBASSY CHAIR
PROPOSED CTAG MEETING FEBRUARY 14

REF: CTED EXECDIR SMITH-MLADINEO LETTER OF JANUARY 16 (NOTAL)

Classified By: DCM JAMES T. HEG, REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D)

1.(C) Counselor Yoshituki Isoda of the Japanese Embassy in Kingston met with DCM and EmbOff the morning of January 31 to request that, notwithstanding Japan's current Presidency of the G-8, the U.S. Embassy agree to chair a meeting of the local Counterterrorism Action Group (CTAG) on February 14. The proposed agenda for the CTAG meeting would be:

(A) to receive a debrief outlining the preliminary findings of the Counterterrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) fact-finding mission, which is scheduled to visit Jamaica February 11-14;

(B) to have CTAG members share individual or collective assessments of Jamaica's counterterrorism strengths and shortfalls;

(C) to have CTED mission members and CTAG members identify priority areas in which Jamaica requires technical assistance, based in part on the preliminary shortfalls identified;

(D) to discuss technical assistance undertaken, underway, and to be planned by CTAG, collectively or individually, to Jamaica, to enhance its counter-terrorism capacity.

2.(C) Isoda said that Japan had not been as actively engaged in counterterrorism efforts and assistance in the Caribbean region as in Asia, and that the U.S. Embassy thus would be in a better position to chair this particular CTAG meeting. DCM replied that the Embassy would be glad to do so in principle, but that Washington's approval would be necessary.

Action Request

3.(C) Post requests that Department advise whether Embassy Kingston may chair/host the proposed CTAG meeting on February 14.

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